

**Please add the following new claim:**

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12. (New) An optical module including the substrate according to claim 1 and an optical element housing member having formed therein a hole for accommodating and fixing one or the other end of said substrate and optically connecting the substrate to an optical element, wherein steps for positioning said substrate are formed in said hole.

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